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SUBJECT: QADHAFI'S NEW ROLE; WHAT NEXT?

1. AUTHORITATIVE EDITORIALS IN OFFICIAL LIBYAN DAILY "AL-FAJR AL-JAJID" OF APRIL 7 AND 8 PROBABLY GAVE INDICATIONS OF WHAT QADHAFI HAS IN MIND BY "INTELLECTUAL THEORIZING AND MASS ORGANIZING" REFERRED TO IN RCC APRIL 2 DECISION. APRIL 7 EDITORIAL SPOKE OF MOVEMENT FROM STATE OF PREPARATION TO THAT OF "REAL STRUGGLE", AND OF NECESSITY TO KEEP REVOLUTION FROM STAGNATING. REVOLUTION (AND BY IMPLICATION REVOLUTION'S LEADER, QADHAFI) WAS SAID TO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES NOT JUST IN ARAB VANGUARD, BUT TO THIRD WORLD, AND INDEED WHOLE WORLD. APRIL 8 EDITORIAL IS MORE SPECIFIC. CALLING ON MASSES NOT TO DROP WEAPON OF REVOLUTION, IT SAYS REVOLUTION MUST BE IDEA WHICH PENETRATES MIND AND HEARTS OF EVERY CITIZEN, AND MUST GIVE RISE TO "ORGANIZATIONAL INSTRUMENT" CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT ASPIRATIONS OF MASSES. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. NEITHER EDITORIAL REFERS TO ARAB SOCIALIST UNION, OR TO PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES, QADHAFI'S TWO PREVIOUS EXPERIMENTS IN ENERGIZING LIBYAN PEOPLE, AND IMPLICATION IS SOMETHING NEW IS NEEDED. "POPULAR OR CULTURAL REVOLUTION" WAS LAUNCHED BY QADHAFI AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR, AND PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES, WHICH WERE TO TAKE OVER PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HAVE NOT BEEN CONSPICUOUS SUCCESS. NOR HAS THERE EVER BEEN ANY CLEAR EXPLANATION OF WHAT ASU'S FUNCTIONS WERE TO BE IN THIS NEW CONTEXT. BEFORE QADHAFI'S DECISION TO DEVOTE HIMSELF EXCLUSIVELY TO IDEOLOGY AND MASS ORGANIZING, THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS ASU NATIONAL CONGRESS WAS BEING PLANNED, BUT THIS IDEA MAY HAVE BEEN DROPPED FOR THE TIME BEING.
- 3. IT SEEMS FROM THIS QADHAFI IS TRYING SOMEHOW TO GET SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION MOVING AGAIN. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OVER LAST FEW DAYS OF PREPARATION FOR DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF QADHAFI. ASU COMMITTEE FOR TRIPOLI HAD SPECIAL MEETING LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS POLITICAL MATTERS IN PREPARATION FOR THE "COMING STAGE". STEIN

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